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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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| Attorney Docket No. | 17410-00007 |
| First Inventor | Jose Alberto Cepeda |
| Title | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING OPERATING EXPENSES |
| Express Mail Label No. | EL319732779US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Application claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 12]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(If foreign priority is claimed)
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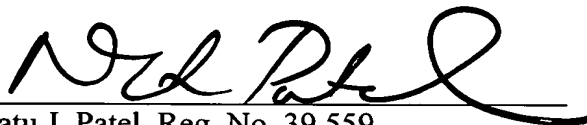
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I certify that the attached utility patent application of **JOSE ALBERTO CEPEDA**, for **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING OPERATING EXPENSES**, including:

- Thirteen (13) pages of specification; ten (10) pages of claims; one (1) page of abstract
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pgs) (submitted for identification of inventors only)
- Twelve (12) sheets of drawings
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
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| Application Number | |
| Filing Date | |
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| Group Art Unit | |
| Examiner Name | |

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

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| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 710 | 201 | 355 | Utility Filing Fee | 710.00 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 | 160 | Design Filing Fee | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 | 245 | Plant Filing Fee | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 | 355 | Reissue filing Fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional Filing Fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) 710.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 56 | -20** 36 | x 18.00 | = 648.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3* 1 | x 80.00 = 80.00 |
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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | 202 | 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | 209 | 40 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2520 | 147 | 2520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1840* | 113 | 1840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1390 | 218 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1890 | 228 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1510 | 138 | 1510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1240 | 241 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1240 | 242 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | Filing a submission after a final rejection (37-CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

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